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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 648

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

February 19, 2003

An act to add and repeal Article 7 (commencing with *Section* 33600) of Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, relating to commissions.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 648, as amended, Dymally. *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission.*

Existing law establishes various state educational commissions.

This bill would establish the *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission* with a specified membership. The bill would require the commission, ~~prior to the 2004–05 school year~~, to develop 3 alternative ways to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* in a manner that appropriately involves the public school system. The bill would ~~further~~ require the commission to provide, *during the 2004–05 school year*, the State Department of Education with these 3 alternatives from which the department would be required to select one ~~for~~, *and to authorize its* implementation.

The bill would require the commission to study and provide assistance and advice to the department regarding program and curriculum development on related human rights issues.

~~The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that members of the commission serve without compensation, and that no public funds be used to compensate members for their expenses.~~

~~The bill would provide that the above provisions shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2007 as of that date are repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2007, deletes or extends that date repeal these provisions on January 1, 2006.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. It is the ~~intent~~ intent of the Legislature in
2 enacting this article that the members of the Brown v. Board of
3 Education of Topeka Advisory Commission serve without
4 compensation, and that no public funds be used to compensate the
5 members for expenses.

6 SEC. 2. Article 7 (commencing with Section 33600) is added
7 to Chapter 4 of Part 20 of the Education Code, to read:

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9 Article 7. Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory
10 Commission

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12 33600. There is hereby established in the state government the
13 Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka Advisory Commission
14 consisting of two members appointed by the Senate Committee on
15 Rules, two members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly,
16 and five members appointed by the Governor. At least one of the
17 members appointed by the Governor shall be chosen from a
18 national civil rights organization, and one of the members
19 appointed by the Governor shall represent the ~~State Department of~~
20 ~~Education~~ department. The nine appointed members shall be
21 broadly reflective of the general public of the state.

22 33601. The Superintendent of Public Instruction or his or her
23 representative shall serve as executive secretary to the
24 commission.

25 33602. (a) The commission shall develop three alternative
26 ways to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court
27 decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka (1954) 347



1 U.S. 483 in a manner that appropriately involves the public school
2 system.

3 (b) The commission, during the 2004–05 school year, shall
4 provide the ~~State Department of Education~~ *department* with these
5 three alternatives and the department shall choose one of the three
6 alternatives and authorize the implementation of that alternative in
7 the public school system.

8 ~~(c) After the commission submits the three alternatives to the~~
9 ~~department, the commission shall study and provide assistance~~
10 ~~and advice to the department regarding program and curriculum~~
11 ~~development on related issues, including, but not limited to,~~
12 ~~human rights, equality, compassion, tolerance, and cultural~~
13 ~~competence.~~

14 *(c) This section shall be implemented only if funds become*
15 *available for these purposes from private donations.*

16 33603. This article shall remain in effect only until January 1,
17 2007 2006, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted
18 statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2007 2006, deletes or
19 extends that date.

